

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 20, 2005

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 744**

**Introduced by Senator Kuehl**

February 22, 2005

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An act to amend Section 4561.5 of the Public Resources Code, relating to forest resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 744, as amended, Kuehl. Timber: ~~stocking standards; harvesting plans.~~

*Under the Z'Berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973, no person may conduct timber operations on timberland unless the person has submitted a timber harvesting plan to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.*

*This bill would require the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, on or before June 1, 2006, and in consultation with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, to adopt regulations that require an applicant for a timber harvesting plan to make available on the Internet his or her application for a timber harvesting plan. The bill would require the regulations to include a fee schedule to pay for appropriate administrative costs.*

~~Existing law required the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, prior to January 1, 1975, after a public hearing, to adopt, and authorizes the board from time to time, after a public hearing, to amend, permanent stocking standards applicable to commercial timberland where the growing timber does not meet certain acceptable stocking standards, as enumerated.~~

~~This bill would revise those provisions to delete the obsolete reference to the date before which the board, after a public hearing, was required to adopt those permanent stocking standards.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     ~~SECTION 1. Section 4561.5 of the Public Resources Code is~~  
2     ~~amended to read:~~  
3     ~~4561.5. The board may from time to time, after a public~~  
4     ~~hearing, amend permanent stocking standards applicable to~~  
5     ~~commercial timberland where the growing timber does not meet~~  
6     ~~the acceptable stocking standards as enumerated in Section 4561.~~  
7     ~~SECTION 1. On or before June 1, 2006, the State Board of~~  
8     ~~Forestry and Fire Protection, in consultation with the~~  
9     ~~Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, shall adopt~~  
10    ~~regulations that require an applicant for a timber harvesting~~  
11    ~~plan to make available on the Internet his or her application for~~  
12    ~~a timber harvesting plan. The regulations shall include a fee~~  
13    ~~schedule to pay for appropriate administrative costs.~~